

KOGI STATE BUSINESS-ENABLING REFORM ACTION PLANS (BERAP) & PROGRESS REPORT

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Ministry of Finance, Budget and Planning, Ministry of Commerce and Industries, Ministry of Justice, Kogi State Town Planning Board, Kogi State Internal Revenue Service, Land and Survey, Kogi State Investment Promotion Agency, Kogi State Utility Infrastructure Management & Compliance Agency, Kogi State Geographic Information System, Kogi State Chamber of Commerce Mines & Industries (KOCIMA).

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KOGI STATE 2024 BUSINESS ENABLING REFORM ACTION PLAN												
S/N	Business Enabling Reform Areas	Reform Objectives	Action Steps	Description and Key Targets	Responsible MDA	Contributing MDAs	Budget	Planned Start Date	Planned End Date	Progress Update		
										Status	Description of Status	Next Steps
1	Improved transparency and sustainability in the property registration and land investment process	1. Identify the physical addresses of all Residences in a Classified Area/ settlements, including the physical addresses for Apartment Residents; 2. to allow us to locate the addresses for Persons who may be absent, if they do not reside at the Residence; and 3. to attempt to locate individuals who previously resided at and/or owned a Residence within the Area during the Classification of Kogi state. 4. Ensure Urban observatory, improve security of properties and live, aid physical planning and control, provision of physical infrastructures and a booster to revenue generation.	1. Sensitize property owners on the need for their property records to be registered on the Kogi State Geographic Information System (KOGIS) database; 2. Publishing Radio jingles and fliers organizing town meetings 3. Mapping/Mapping of Kogi state 4. Carry out Property Identification implementation across the entire State, using mobile hand held devices with specialized application. 5. Training and deployment of adhoc staff	Land and Survey	Kogi State Geographic Information System (KOGIS), Kogi State Internal Revenue Service (NIGRS), Kogi State Investment Promotion, Public-Private Partnership (KOGIPPPRA), Town Planning & Development Board	N345,000,000	Jan-24	Dec-24	ONGOING	1. Sensitization initiated in 2024. Radio jingles across all stations still ongoing with over 50% captured. Ongoing: *Meeting up the expected target to digitize and archive 85% of CofDs registered. *Ensure 15% increase in CofDs registered, digitized and archived in 2025.	*The completion of the property identification, base mapping is carried over into 2025 Action plan. *Continue updating of CofD archiving and digitization. *Meeting up the expected target to digitize and archive 85% of CofDs registered. *Ensure 15% increase in CofDs registered, digitized and archived in 2025.	
2	Improved regulatory framework for private investment in fiber optic infrastructure.	improve businesses access to internet , skills and update information	Meeting with Network providers, regulators and investors. Registration of Investors. Licensing and Permits. Right of Way acquisition. Information Management in respect of geographical information system. Price Regulation of unbundled fibre products. Fiber Review. Training & capacity Building of staff. Development of a robust one-stop shop website.	Mapping of all routes for fibre cables and utility right of ways in conjunction with Network and other service providers.	Kogi State Utility Infrastructure Management & Compliance Agency	Kogi State Information, Communication and Technology Agency (KICTDA), Ministry of Works, Land and Survey, Town Planning Development Board.	N250,000,000	Jan-24	Dec-24	ONGOING	1. Continuous sensitization of TELCOS and other optic cable providers on the importance of KUMICA and the importance of registering under the agency. CHALLENGES: 1. lack of funds to map the route of optic cable infrastructure in Kogi State delay by network providers to provide needed information for the required fibre optic investments and refusal to regularize where infections were identified. 3. lack of funds for training of staff.	1. Engage auditors to audit existing fibre optics cable already laid. 3. Training and capacity building of KUMICA. 4. Mapping of fibre optic cable route in Kogi state. 5. State Government to provide Office and vehicles for KUMICA.
3	Increased transparency of official fees and procedures	Make the fees and rates charged as approved by State Tax Laws as amended in all revenue lines and are made known to the public and no hidden charges.	The Laws, rates, fees and charges will be published in the State Website, Kogi State Government Websites and Newsletters of KGRS, intermittent publication and Media cutting on Electronic media.	Ministry of Commerce and Industry	Kogi State Internal Revenue Service (KIGRS), Ministry of Justice, Kogi Chamber of Commerce Industry Mines & Agriculture (KOCIMA)	N10,000,000	5/1/2024	31/03/2024	COMPLETED	*The land use ext. Fees and other laws has been published on the State websites find link: https://kigrs.state.ng		
4	Increased Transparency of fees & levies for inter-state trade and increased export certification	Increase ease of doing business across the State using the state harmonized tax law.	1. Haulage Fees will be collected at the point of Loading and Offloading hence no road block will be allowed. 2. Export classification has been fully automated, however, the use of the classification and awareness and awareness. 3. All illegal road blocks across the State must be dismantled by the Law enforcement agents who will maintain free movement	Ministry of Commerce and Industry	Ministry of Local Government, KIGRS, Marketing board, KOCIMA, State Vigilante Service, Police and Military.	N200,000,000	2/1/2024	12/12/2024	COMPLETED	I. All road blocks has been dismantled with sign post prohibiting road blocks erected at strategic locations. II. Collaboration between the State and private warehouse owners to reduce multiple taxation on produce. III. State Export promotion agency ongoing with billboards and the Social media. IV. Over 600 businesses and	I. Creating extensive awareness by mounting of more billboards at strategic locations prohibiting illegal roadblocks for tax collection. II. Continuous awareness through Radio, Tv and Social media. III. State Export promotion agency fully up and operational	
5	Simplified State and Local business tax regime	Single tax body administering tax in the State.	1.The expired MOU between the State KIGRS and the 21 Local Government will be renewed effective January 2024. 2. The MOU will be consolidated into permanent Law such that all revenue will be administered by the KIGRS 3. Local Government Revenue Officers will be promoted to competency test and those who are successful will be transferred to KIGRS as Staff while the unsuccessful will be moved to another department of the Local Government. 4.A joint account where DLG and Treasurer will be signatories but a confirmation from KIGRS is made before withdrawal by the Local Government. 5. Monthly Revenue Performance meeting to be chaired by the KIGRS and Ministry of Local Government with 21 Local Government Chairmen and Treasurers as Participants will happen monthly 6. All cash collection is to be outlawed.	KIGRS	Ministry of Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs, Ministry of the 21 Local Government & their Director of Local Govts.	N200,000,000	5th January, 2024	12th Dec,2024	COMPLETED	*An MOU on harmonized taxes between the State KIGRS and 21 Local Government Areas has been signed. *A single interstate road taxes sticker has been created by ITB to serve a harmonized payment portal. This covers 21 Local Government Areas. Link: https://rs.kg.gov.ng CHALLENGES: Sensitization of road transport owners and road users on the how to navigate and use the harmonized payment portal to achieve full adoption of cashless payments. *Substantial awareness to reach out to all Local government and ward levels of the state.	Continuous awareness through every other means of communication, Radio, TV, Social media, Road walks and town meetings with stakeholders for better understanding of the harmonized fees.	
6	improve domestic and external trade competitiveness	Quality improvement on all products in the state with special focus on Cashew nut production and reduced cost of labour.	1.Cashew producing farmers will be supervised by Extension workers to ensure quality harvest. 2. We will create enabling environment for Subsistence Farmers in Nigeria to operate freely to guarantee quality. 3.Grants/Aids will be given to farmers and traders through Ministry of Commerce to qualifying individual or Company.	Ministry of Commerce and Industry	Ministry of Finance, and Ministry of Agriculture, Kogi Investment Promotion Agency, KOCIMA	N500,000,000	Jan-24	Oct-24	ONGOING	Extension officers on the field to advise cashew farmers. Sensitization exercises ongoing during production to teach farmers on weeding and application of insecticides. *About 1150 Cashew are sensitized periodically. * Quarterly meetings carried out with Standard Organization Nigeria to guarantee quality of products. CHALLENGES: Funding for Grants/Aids are yet to take off	CARRY OVER to next year action plan	
7	Harmonized and more transparent State taxes	Harmonize Local Government taxes with that of the State so as to improve the ease of doing business, to also increase revenue accountability and increase in IGR for both state and Local Government .	The State Tax Laws and the Local Government Revenue Laws should be merged into one document and published on the State and IRS websites . *After harmonization, KIGRS will be collecting torment fees, radio and television license for the 21 Local Governments . Harmonization of tax laws with the Local Government in addition to the lines of revenue, including Embargo collection. This will be harmonized in the year 2024 with State KIGRS collecting and sharing revenue will be put in place between the state and the 21 Local Government.	KIGRS	Ministry of Commerce and Industries, State House of Assembly, MoLG & CA (MoI, 21 LG Chairmen, DLGs & KOCIMA	50,000,000	Jan-24	Nov, 2024	COMPLETED	*Establishment of signage and advertisement law which equally harmonized revenue on signage and advertisement of State and Local government. *Signage and property taxes has been merged . * All the harmonized laws has been published on the State/agency website. Link: https://irs.kg.gov.ng/		
8	Quick determination of commercial disputes	to improve significantly the time spent to settle commercial disputes	1. Establishment of Multi door Court House, Including acquisition of equipments. 2. Employment of skilled professionals and remuneration (at least 4 skilled arbitrators). 3.Remuneration of staff. 4. Public Awareness	Ministry of Justice	Ministry of Commerce and Industry, KIGRS, High Court of Justice , National Industrial Court, Taxes Appeal Tribunal, Bureau of Land & Urban Development, Town & Development Board & KOCIMA.	N150,000,000	Jan-24	Dec-24	ONGOING	1. Over 20 civil matters with about 10 at hearing stages 3 to report for settlement which if resolved is done with the eyes of the law as consent between the parties. CHALLENGES: *Limited/Inadequate spread of inadequate office equipments. *Shortage of Man power to man registry and support staff routine. *Absence of functional library or E-library	1. Prospective establishment of three (3) additional small claims court with one situated in each senatorial district. 2.Organize colloquium for stakeholders in the legal profession, private practitioners, members of the official BAR and the general public to take advantage of the establishment of the small claim courts being a novelty of Kogi State. 1. Sufficient funding. 2. Continuous Public Awareness	

9	Establishment of a skills registry and development	<p>1. Creation of a pool of knowledgeable and skilled manpower that will facilitate e-Government practices, technology acquisition, assimilation and diffusion in public service; Increase in productivity of workforce via digital literacy.</p> <p>2. Solving the conundrum around inadequacies in preparing current and potential workforce for digital economy and foster in them:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General skills for creativity and interpersonal skills and ability to execute plans • High standards and independence • Natural inclination to further learning • Skills for relevance and competitiveness in 21st Century. <p>3. Establishment of a vibrant ICT Sector that contributes to increased revenue; Stimulation and optimization of investment and enterprise environment.</p> <p>4. Development of a knowledge-based economy that is rooted in sustained human capacity development, wealth generation and job creation;</p> <p>7. Improvement of operational efficiencies across government and economy-wide.</p>	<p>1. Conduct of baseline assessment to establish proficiency of potential and current workforce digital literacy using the ICT Digital Literacy metrics 2. Development of Digital Literacy Strategy to bridge the identified gaps; Formulation of Policy, Setting of Standard and Guidelines.</p> <p>2. Development of Digital Literacy Framework and Career Certification Roadmap at all levels of workforce; Establishment, Setting Up and Activation of six Centers for Development of Digital Literacy and Emerging Skills as testing and certification Centers in Kogi State Implementation of Framework.</p> <p>3. Training and Certification of all workforce at Project Office, Zonal Project Offices in minimum of 3 and maximum of 5 skill areas starting with IC3 Digital Literacy in the first year; Certification of Trainers in minimum of 3 and maximum of 5 skill areas starting with IC3 Digital Literacy in the first year;</p>	<p>All current public service workforce, regardless of career, level or job role</p> <p>All Potential workforce; graduate and non-graduate job seekers; unemployed or underemployed individuals and business owners.</p> <p>Target Objectives: Build capacity in all participants using digital tool for ease of their businesses. Apply digital tools to gather, evaluate, and use information for the growth of businesses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employ strategies to gather inquiry in digital environments. • Use digital tools according to disciplinary conventions and in application to business environments. • Engage proactively with digital tools in business environments. • Apply existing knowledge to generate new ideas, products, or processes in digital representation of businesses. • Use digital tools to plan, organize, and conduct research, manage projects, solve problems, and make informed decisions using appropriate digital tools and resources. • Process digital data and report results. 	<p>Kogi State Information and Communication Development Agency (KICDA)</p> <p>Office of the Head of Service, Kogi Enterprise Development Agency and Kogi State, KODCMA</p>	<p>NS63,137,259</p>	<p>16-Jan-24</p>	<p>27-Oct-24</p>	<p>ONGOING</p>	<p>Kogi State Information and Communication Development Agency fully established and operational.</p>	<p>CARRIED OVER to next year action plan</p>	
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